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Labor Chief Walsh Puts Hold on OSHA Virus Rule for More Analysis

Bloomberg Law

Release of OSHA's COVID-19 emergency temporary standard is on hold at the request of Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh. [READ MORE](#)

Risk of COVID Very Low in Vaccinated Medical Workers: Study

CIDRAP

COVID-19 infection was very low in a cohort of vaccinated California healthcare workers amid a surge of new cases, according to a research letter in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. [READ MORE](#)



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From Best Practice to Policy

The Synergist

While vaccines against SARS-CoV-2 provide cause for optimism, their incomplete efficacy, missteps in mass vaccination efforts, and the virus's rapid mutation mean that approaches to infection control not reliant on vaccination remain necessary. Developing and implementing a strong infection control plan has never been more urgent, as a matter of best practice and regulatory compliance. [READ](#)

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Suicides Among First Responders: A Call to Action

NIOSH Science Blog

First responders, including law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical services clinicians, and public safety telecommunicators, are crucial to ensuring public safety and health. First responders may be at elevated risk for suicide because of the environments in which they work, their culture, and stress, both occupational and personal. [READ MORE](#)

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American Seating Improves Air Quality and Productivity with Centralized Fume Extraction Equipment

Safety + Health Workplace Solutions

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Biden Taps California Workplace Safety Leader to Head Up OSHA

The Hill

The White House on Friday said President Biden will nominate Doug Parker, the chief of California's Division of Occupational Safety and Health, to head up OSHA. [READ MORE](#)

FDA Says Healthcare Personnel Can Transition Away From Reusing Disposable Respirators

Healio

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recommended that facilities begin to move away from “crisis capacity conservation measures” implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic, such as reusing decontaminated respirators. [READ MORE](#)



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NIOSH Science Blog

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Surging COVID Vaccine Rates Raise Legal Issues for OSHA Standard

Bloomberg Law

The growing number of vaccinated people could fuel legal challenges if the federal government issues an emergency temporary standard to prevent workplace COVID-19 infections. [READ MORE](#)

U.S. EPA Revises Controversial PFBS Assessment

Chemical & Engineering News

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency updated a controversial toxicity assessment for perfluorobutanesulfonic acid (PFBS) on April 8. The compound is a member of the per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) family of highly persistent synthetic chemicals, many of which are toxic. [READ MORE](#)

Disaster Research Response Experts Share Insights for Pandemic

Environmental Factor

At the beginning of the pandemic, many people thought that COVID-19 would be a so-called great equalizer. Because no one was immune to the new coronavirus, everyone could be affected, regardless of race, wealth, or geography. Instead, the pandemic proved to be the great exacerbator, hitting marginalized communities the hardest, according to Marccus Hendricks, PhD, from the University of Maryland. [READ MORE](#)

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